

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A fender for protecting a pontoon boat, said pontoon boat comprising at least two float tubes supporting a floor and a fence positioned around the periphery of said floor, said fence having a generally vertical main part and a generally horizontally extending rail that is coupled to the top of said fence main part, said fender comprising:

a body portion, said body portion having a top part that extends generally downwardly and outwardly from said fence rail and a bottom part that extends generally downwardly and inwardly to said float tube;

a top rim that extends generally horizontally from said top part of said body portion and ends at a flange that extends generally downwardly thereby forming a channel for receiving said fence rail; and

means for removably coupling said bottom part of said body portion to one of said float tubes.

2. The fender of claim 1 wherein said bottom part of said body portion includes a first part that extends downwardly and inwardly at a first angle and a second part that extends downwardly and inwardly at a second angle and wherein said first angle is less than said second angle.

3. The fender of claim 1 wherein said body portion includes a channel that extends vertically substantially the entire length of said body portion.

4. The fender of claim 1 wherein said body portion includes two channels that extend vertically substantially the entire length of said body portion.

5. The fender of claim 1 wherein the length of said top rim is equal to the width of said fence rail.

6. The fender of claim 1 wherein said top part of said body portion includes a generally vertically downward extending section that is equal in length to said flange.

7. The fender of claim 1 wherein said means for coupling said bottom part of said body portion to one of said float tubes includes a stretchable cord coupled to said bottom part and to a suction cup capable of attaching to said float tube.

8. The fender of claim 7 wherein said stretchable cord is a bungee cord having a diameter of one-eighth inches.

9. The fender of claim 1 wherein said fender is manufactured from a plastic.

10. The fender of claim 1 wherein said fender is manufactured from polyethylene.

11. The fender of claim 1 wherein said fender is manufactured from polyvinyl chloride.

12. A fender for protecting a pontoon boat, said pontoon boat comprising at least two float tubes supporting a floor and a fence positioned around the periphery of said floor, said fence having a generally vertical main part and a generally horizontally extending rail that is coupled to the top of said fence main part, said fender comprising:

a body portion, said body portion having a top part that extends generally downwardly and outwardly from said fence rail and a bottom part that extends generally downwardly and inwardly to said float tube;

means for removably coupling said top part of said body portion to said fence rail; and

means for removably coupling said bottom part of said body portion to one of said float tubes.

13. The fender of claim 12 wherein said means for coupling said top part of said body portion to said fence rail includes a top rim that extends generally horizontally from said top part of said body portion and ends at a flange that extends generally downwardly thereby forming a channel for receiving said fence rail.

14. The fender of claim 12 wherein said means for coupling said bottom part of said body portion to one of said float tubes includes a stretchable cord coupled to said bottom part and to a suction cup capable of attaching to said float tube.

15. The fender of claim 14 said stretchable cord is a bungee cord having a diameter of one-eighth inches.

16. The fender of claim 12 wherein said fender is manufactured from a plastic.

17. The fender of claim 12 wherein said fender is manufactured from polyethylene.

18. The fender of claim 12 wherein said fender is manufactured from polyvinyl chloride.